

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Minutes

Committee	Utah Board of Juvenile Justice
Date	Thursday May 21, 2015
Time	8:00am – 9:30 a.m.
Location	Utah State Capitol Complex, East Building, Copper Room
Members Present	Chief Steve Anjewierden, Pat Berckman, Matthew Davies, Gini Highfield, Anthony Johnson, Judge James Michie, Van Nguyen, Troy Rawlings, Rachael Skidmore, Pam Vickrey, Debbie Whitlock
Members Excused	Chris Crowder, Spencer Larsen, Nindy Le, Shirlee Silversmith
Members Absent	Patrick Garcia, Brent Platt
Staff	Toni Gray, Jo Lynn Kruse, Cuong Nguyen Visitors:
Agenda Item	Welcome and Chair's Report
Notes	<p>Gini Highfield called the meeting to order in Spencer Larsen's absence and welcomed everyone. Judge Michie made the motion to approve the April meeting minutes. Pat Berckman seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Gini introduced and welcomed new board member, Chief Steve Anjewierden, who replaces Scott Jackson. Introductions were made around the table.</p> <p>Membership Update – Chief Anjewierden has been officially appointed by the Governor. The executive committee needs to decide on a new Vice Chair since since Scott Jackson is now a government employee. Karen Crompton's new replacement at Voices for Utah Children is Lincoln Nehring. Pat Berckman made the motion to recommend Lincoln Nehring to the Governor for appointment to the UBJJ Board. Judge Michie seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The Board is still in need of two new youth members. Judge Michie has spoken with Commissioner Jenny Wilson of Salt Lake County and she has expressed interest in serving on the UBJJ Board. Judge Michie will invite her to the next meeting.</p> <p>Title II Grant – Cuong is working on the 3 year plan and wants to have it complete by next week. It is anticipated that the FY15 allocation will be the same as FY14 which is \$440,000 after the \$20,000 penalty for not complying with PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act).</p> <p>Treva Bell has submitted two grant applications to Cuong yesterday for compliance monitoring and jail removal contingent upon funding for FY15. Treva requests \$106,000 for compliance monitoring and \$22,000 for jail removal.</p> <p>Judge Michie stated that he would like to review the grant proposals. Cuong will email them for the Board to review. Judge Michie made the motion to approve the Compliance Monitoring grant contingent upon funding from OJJDP and that the Board to receive and review the entire grant application. And regarding the Juvenile Jail Removal Program, which the Board wants to review the full application before making a determination to approve it at the June meeting. Debbie Whitlock seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Matthew Davies abstained.</p>
Agenda Item	DtWT Committee Report (tape 28:30)
Notes	Rachael Skidmore reported that the DTWT luncheon went great and was well attended. All but one of the top 13 students attended. Van and Rachael will be attending the National Recognition activities in Washington D.C. along with the Utah National Finalists.
Agenda Item	Legislative Process and Involvement
Notes	Jennifer Valencia could not be here today, so this agenda item will be moved to the next meeting.
Agenda Item	SB 167 Working Group Report (tape 40:45)

Notes	<p>This bill made changes to statutes regarding minors and courts and adds a specific list of previous offenses and conditions to the statute that allows for the direct filing of charges in district court; adds a new option to the serious youth offender statute; creates guidelines for housing a minor convicted in district court in a juvenile secure facility; requires that the court determine that a minor is knowingly and intentionally waiving counsel; and sets a presumption that juveniles are not to be shackled when appearing in court unless ordered by the court.</p> <p>A working group has been formed and chaired by Pam Vickrey. The group is tasked with developing a strategy for moving forward with education about this new legislation. The working group is developing talking points to present to stakeholders regarding the importance of the legislation and meeting with individual counties for discussion. Statistics will be gathered over the next year. The Judicial Rules Committee is meeting to develop a framework for judges. The next meeting of the UBJJ working group will be on June 15.</p> <p>Pam recommended that the Board take advantage of a grant opportunity, to support SB167 work. The grant deadline is June 25, 2015. The grant offers funding for governmental agencies to create a board that would work to design a strategy to improve the juvenile justice system by providing counsel for juveniles. Gini noted that UBJJ should be working on best practices and obtaining this grant would help complement the SB167 working group. The following volunteered to work on the grant: Van Nguyen, Judge Michie, Dr. Davies, and Pam Vickrey. They will meet early next week to review who needs to be included. Pat Berckman made the motion to provide funding (up to \$1,500) from UBJJ to pay for a grant writer to prepare the grant request. Dr. Davies seconded the motion which passed unanimously.</p>
Agenda Item	JJDPA Reauthorization Language (tape 11:30)
Notes	<p>Judge Michie drew attention to the two handouts, one titled <i>The Valid Court Order (VCO) Exception, Bad for our communities, bad for our kids</i> and the <i>Coalition for Juvenile Justice/SOS Project, Use of the Valid Court Order, State-by-State Comparisons</i>. The reauthorization of the JJDP Act eliminates the use of VCO exception and gives states three years to comply. If the new reauthorization passes and states do not comply, funding will not only be reduced, and remaining funds will also be restricted.</p> <p>Judge Michie explained why Judges and the Courts would oppose the removal of the VCO exception. Utah needs programs that are alternatives to detention, early intervention programs. We are very much in need of viable alternatives to detention.</p>
Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled from 8:00 am to 9:30 am, Thursday, June 18, 2015, Utah State Capitol Complex, East Building, Copper Room.

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